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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Tuesday, April 17, 2007 4 p.m.  
Date/Time of Occurrence: Tuesday, April 17, 2007  
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Location of Call: Placer County  
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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

Six new ballistic shields were deployed by the Placer County Sheriff's Department today, for use in emergencies such as school shootings and other critical situations.

The Placer County Sheriff's Council, a non-profit group that raises money for items not covered by the county budget, purchased the \$2,000 ballistic shields. Each sergeant will have a shield in the trunk of their patrol car, ready to put into use should the need arise.

The new lightweight shields are smaller than SWAT-type shields, making them easily portable. They are unique tools that provide deputies with a high degree of safety when utilized with armed suspects.

Over the past year, the Placer County Sheriff's Council has purchased less-lethal pepperball gun systems and they funded Offender Watch, an online program that notifies citizens when sexual offenders move near their homes, schools or offices. Anyone interested in joining the Sheriff's Council and helping them raise funds for such vital programs may go to [www.placer.ca.gov/sheriff](http://www.placer.ca.gov/sheriff) and click on the Sheriff's Council link.

**MEDIA NOTE:** Deputies will be training with the new shields tomorrow, Wednesday, April 18, at the new Auburn Justice Center. Anyone interested in seeing the shields may contact Dena Erwin at (530) 308-1384 to set up a time.